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1. WE SAW RUTH TODAY TO ASK ABOUT HIS CONVERSATION WITH MISTRAL IN BRUSSELS ON JULY 29. RUTH INDICATED HE DID NOT HAVE MUCH OF AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE FRENCH POSITION WITH MISTRAL, BUT HAS THE IMPRESSION THAT THE FRENCH ARE STILL WEIGHING THE VARIOUS ARGUMENTS ADVANCED BY THE OTHER ALLIES. RUTH EXPRESSED THE BELIEF THAT TIME IS STILL REQUIRED TO ENABLE THE FRENCH TO GIVE DUE CONSIDERATION TO THE MATTER.

2. RUTH REPORTED THAT THOMSON WAS IN PARIS TODAY FOR A DISCUSSION WITH MISTRAL.

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3. RUTH WELCOMED THE POSSIBILITY OF MEETING AGAIN WITH U.S. AND UK REPS LATER IN THE SUMMER (REFTEL A). RUTH IS LEAVING ON A THREE WEEK HOLIDAY AND WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL LATE AUGUST.

4. WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE IMPACT OF THE WITHDRAWAL OF FRENCH ARTILLERY REGIMENTS FROM THE FRG (REFTEL B), RUTH COMMENTED THAT THIS WITHDRAWAL ILLUSTRATED THE NEED FOR SOME TYPE OF MECHANISM IN THE COMMON COLLECTIVE CEILING TO PROVIDE FOR MAKING ADJUSTMENTS IN FORCE LEVELS WITHIN THE NGA.
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